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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
Kiichiro SAKASHITA et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 3641  
SERIAL NO: 09/696,947 :  
FILED: October 27, 2000 : EXAMINER: Jack W. KEITH  
FOR: AN ABSORBING ROD, AN :  
APPARATUS FOR INSERTING THE  
ABSORBING ROD, A CASK, AND A  
METHOD OF STORING SPENT FUEL  
ASSEMBLIES

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In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2002, please note the following remarks:

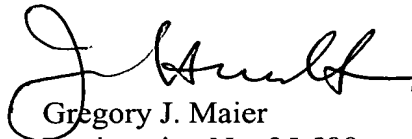
**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution Group I, Species A, Species a and Species i with traverse. The restriction requirement is traverse and so far is believed that the official action does not sufficiently demonstrate why the groups designated are considered to be patentably distinct from one another or that the further subspecies elections are necessary.

In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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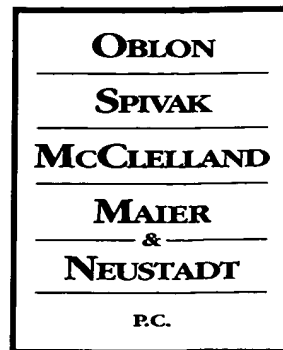
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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